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stages of cholera, it has brought about recovery, preventing a fatal issue.  
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CHITTAGONG: Messrs GRADING & Co.  
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Hongkong, January 9, 1909.

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PEPPER'S SMALL GOLD ALFALFA ON HAND.  
HARRY NEWBOLD, Proprietor.  
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## THE INDIAN ARMY.

## A Glorious Record.

Writing of the Indian Army a military  
correspondent of the Times of India says:—  
The military history of the world presents  
no more remarkable spectacle than that of  
the great army of soldiers of fortune  
which, led by a few British officers has  
carried the British flag into every corner  
of the Eastern Hemisphere during the  
past hundred and fifty years. Soldiers by  
birth and breeding, who with their first  
accents learnt to lip of war, the sepoys of  
Hindustan and of the four quarters of  
India have served the Empire to which  
they owe allegiance from North China to  
Ceylon, and from Eastern seas. In the  
conquest of India itself, in the many cam-  
paigns which the gradual absorption of the  
peninsula has involved, they have borne a  
conspicuous part. The very men who op-  
posed us so courageously in war—Sikhs,  
Gurkhas, Pathans, Mahattas, Jats, and  
Rajputs have fought with no less valour in  
the ranks of our army. They braved the  
terrors of the black and unknown seas in  
sailing to the conquest of Bourbon, Mauri-  
tius, and Java. With Cornwallis and  
Harris they traversed the passes which,  
dark with jungle and worn by mountain  
torrents, led them to Mysore and the  
capture of Seringapatam. Under Oliver and  
Sering Lawrence, Eyre Coote, Lake, and  
Wellesley they helped to cast the French  
from Southern India, and contended in  
our ranks against their fellow countrymen.  
The great theatre of war in which they  
have fought within the confines of India  
was diversified by every description of  
physical features and considerable varieties  
of climate. It was inhabited by peoples of  
many races and many tongues. Pathans,  
Mahattas, Sikhs, and Rajputs represented  
the civilisation of the Orient. Aboriginal  
Bhils and Gonds shared with savage beasts  
the fastnesses of forest and mountain. Not  
only the hostility of man, but the forces  
of nature had to be encountered and  
overcome. Narrow and precipitous defiles  
had to be traversed by great armies  
with all their baggage. There were ranges  
of rugged mountains abounding with wild  
beasts and clad with dense forests whose  
solitudes were seldom disturbed by the  
presence of man, and culminating in tall  
peaks, crowned by massive forts, hoary  
with age and bristling with guns. There  
were rich alluvial plains, dotted with  
villages and large and populous cities,  
watered by mighty rivers whose streams  
poured in turbid floods during the rainy  
season, but shrank to silver threads in the  
fierce heat of summer. Death lurked in  
many shapes. Cholera followed in the track  
of the troops and fever claimed numerous  
victims. Even the wild beasts with which  
the jungles were infested took their toll  
from the advancing armies.

But the sepoys emerged triumphant from  
the difficulties and dangers which beset  
him. Led by British officers and in  
company with British soldiers he helped  
by his discipline and valour to add all this  
country to the Empire. Peace was estab-  
lished in a land which had been racked  
with anarchy. The tide of war rolled to  
the north, never to return. From Chitral  
to Makran our native soldiers have follow-  
ed in the footsteps of Alexander the Great.  
On the banks of the Hydaspes, on the very  
ground where the Macedonian defeated  
Porus two thousand years before, they  
fought the battle of Chillianwalla against  
the Sikhs, who have themselves since been  
among the bravest soldiers of our army.  
Every pass on the frontier traversed by  
the invaders of old contains the bones of  
brave men who have fallen in our service.  
The rude mountaineers of the frontier have  
eagerly entered the ranks of our army.  
Beyond the limits of India our native  
soldiers have entered most of the capitals  
of the East. They have carried the flag to  
Cebu, to Cairo, to Lhasa, to Peking, and  
to Ava. Sepoys accompanied Baird and  
eighty years later, Wolsley, to the  
Nile's enormous images. Their bayonets  
have flashed in the sweltering sun of  
Egypt and the Sudan; in the dense  
jungles of Burma; in the inhospitable  
regions of Afghanistan; and on the torrid  
and desolate shores of the Persian Gulf.  
The clangour of their trumpets has resound-  
ed beyond the snowy passes that lead to  
the Roof of the World. They have toiled  
laboriously up Himalayan heights. They  
have ranged equatorial Africa from the  
deadly swamps of the maritime plains and  
the waterless regions of Somaliland to the  
dark and gloomy forests and great inland  
seas of Uganda and Central Africa.

The Indian Army has always been noted  
for its high standard of discipline and  
training. In 1787 Cornwallis wrote to the  
Duke of York:—"A brigade of our sepoys  
would make anybody Emperor of Hin-  
dustan." The appearance of the  
native troops gave me the greatest satis-  
faction, some of the battalions were per-  
fectly well-trained, and there was a  
spirit of emulation among the officers  
and an attention in the men which  
leaves me but little room to doubt that  
they will soon be brought to a great  
pitch of discipline. The correctness of  
this estimate was proved by the history of  
the succeeding seventy years. Then came  
the Great Mutiny, for which, however,  
the soldiers alone cannot be made to bear the  
blame. That dark page in the history of  
the Indian Army is a stain which can only  
be wiped out by the brave deeds of the  
future. The native soldiers of the Indian  
Army have been defeated by Europeans  
alone; among the bravest men on the field

below Delhi were men of the Indian race  
in the glorious campaign in Central India  
in 1858, the wings of Sir Hugh Rose  
army were composed of native cavalry; the  
Muiry veterans who tattered into the  
arena at the Delhi Durbar had in the  
ranks many of the best and bravest soldiers  
of our army.  
The story of the Indian Army calls for  
the industry of a Gibbon and the pen of  
a Macaulay to do justice to those great  
deeds which won the Empire. The  
splendid record illuminates every page  
of Indian history that glows with the  
lure light of war. In devotion,  
valour, and in discipline, our native  
troops have emulated the legions of Rome.  
Since 1857 the stain of insurrection has  
been washed away in bloodshed for the  
Empire on many a hard-fought field. The  
native soldiers have established in history  
a monument that will endure so long as  
the great world spins down the rings  
grooves of change, and it is well that the  
courage and fidelity should be acknow-  
ledged in a substantial manner. During  
the past few years many benefits have been  
conferred on our Indian Army and it is  
fitting that the dawn of the last year in the  
term of office of the great soldier who ruled  
over its fortunes should be marked by this  
culminating measure of recognition of its  
great and glorious deeds.

## Intimations.

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the Head  
Quarters Office, Victoria Barracks,  
until 12 o'clock Noon, on MONDAY, 22nd  
February, 1909, for the undermentioned  
Supplies and Services for the period of 12  
months commencing from 1st April,  
1909:—  
1. Meat.  
2. Hospital Supplies and Medical Com-  
forts.  
3. General Supplies and Provisions.  
4. Oil, Wick and Lamp Supplies.  
5. Coal, Coke, Wood, &c.  
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7. Washing.  
8. Forage.  
Forms and other particulars can be ob-  
tained on application to this Office,  
personally or by letter addressed to the  
Officer Commanding, Army Service Corps,  
between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
The Tenders must be properly filled up,  
signed and dated, and no tender will be  
received unless delivered upon the proper  
form at the Head Quarters Office by noon  
on the above date, in a closed envelope  
marked "TENDER" on the outside.  
The right to reject any or all Tenders is  
reserved.

HEAD QUARTERS OFFICE,  
Victoria Barracks, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1909.

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Hongkong, October 25, 1907.

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of passage, etc., in connection with above.  
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Hongkong, August 7, 1907.

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Patients attended in their own Homes or  
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BEST REMEDY AND REHABILITATION EFFECTIVELY  
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Hongkong, November 30, 1908.

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INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1907,  
£18,114,624 11 1  
—Authorized Capital £3,000,000  
—Subscribed Capital £2,750,000  
—Paid-up Capital £2,697,500 0 0  
—1st Five Years' Profits £3,065,374 15 11  
—1st Five Years' Dividend £1,315,842 10 3  
—Sinking Fund Account £4,907 6 8

Reserve—Fire Branch—£2,800,000 10 1  
—Life & Annuity—£1,647,500 10 1  
—Sinking Fund Account—£2,398 0 0  
—£41,100 10 11

The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and  
Life Branches of the North British and  
Merchant Insurance Company are  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
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## Intimations.

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Best & Goes Farthest.

## WANTED.

TEACHER for Girls' School. State  
experience if any, to  
"ALPHA."  
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1909.

## DEVONIAN SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL DEVONIAN DINNER  
will be held at the Devonian Hotel,  
SATURDAY, 13th February, 1909, at  
6 o'clock p.m.  
Devonians wishing to attend are request-  
ed to send in their names to  
M. S. NORTHGOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1909.

## NOTICE.

THE only Edition of the BACK BOOK  
and PROGRAMMES authorized by  
the Stewards of the JOCKEY CLUB are  
now printed by Messrs MORGAN & Co.,  
T. F. HUGHES,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, January 20, 1909.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND  
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWELFTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS in the Company will be held  
at the OFFICES of the Company, St.  
George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road,  
SATURDAY, 6th February, 1909, at  
3.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving  
Statement of Accounts and the Report  
of the General Managers for the year end-  
ing 31st December 1908, declaring a  
Dividend and electing a Consulting Com-  
mittee and Auditors.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from MONDAY,  
February, until SATURDAY, the 6th  
February, 1909, both days inclusive.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1909.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the  
TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Company will be held at the Company's  
Office, 10, Victoria Buildings, on TUES-  
DAY, the 9th February, 1909, at 12 o'clock  
Noon, for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors together with  
Statement of Accounts for the year ending  
31st December, 1908.  
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
Company will be CLOSED from WEDNES-  
DAY, the 3rd February to TUESDAY,  
the 9th February, (both days inclusive)  
during which period no Dividend of Shares  
can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the Kowloon Land & Build-  
ing Company, Limited.  
Agents for the Hongkong Land & Build-  
ing Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1909.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS  
THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEET-  
ING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be  
held in the Office of the Company, Queen's  
Building, New Ferry, on MONDAY, the  
22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock Noon,  
for the purpose of receiving the Report of  
the Directors and the Statement of Accounts  
for the year ending 31st December, 1908.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 8th to the  
22nd February, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. L. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, January 27, 1909.

## TRY ONE

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Hot and Cold Water throughout.  
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Hongkong, October 2, 1908.

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home comfort, Fine View of the Harbour,  
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Electric light, bar and cold water through-  
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Macao, May 18, 1908.

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Telegraphic Address: "Shaw Taylors."  
Hongkong, February 10, 1909.







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between the Post Office and the Circus  
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Booking at ROBINSON PIANO Co., Ltd.  
COL. R. LOVE, Manager.  
Hongkong, January 11, 1909. 62

BOXING!  
AT  
CITY HALL,  
SATURDAY, 6th February, 1909.

MAIN EVENT:  
15 ROUNDS  
MACFADDEN vs. SAM WILLIAMS,  
H.M. vs. KID ALFRED, H.M. FIGHT.  
Boxing and Piano now open at ROBINSON  
PIANO Co., Ltd.  
Hongkong, January 23, 1909. 188

CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, at 9.15 p.m.,  
in the  
CITY HALL.

Tickets, \$3.00 at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.  
The entire proceeds will be given to the  
Cathedral Organ Fund for which the sum of  
\$1000 is needed.  
Hongkong, February 3, 1909. 165

VICTORIA CINEMATOGRAPH.  
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TWO PERFORMANCES NIGHTLY  
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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Meeting.  
11.30 a.m.—Meeting of The China Pro-  
vident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., at  
Co.'s Offices.

Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Harmston's Grand Circus at  
Caneway Bay.

Miscellaneous  
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General Memoranda.

MONDAY, February 8—  
10.30 a.m.—Auction of Messrs. Jago's  
Whole Stock-in-Trade at No. 14, D's  
Vieux Road.  
Transfer Bonds of Hongkong & Whampoa  
Dock Co., Ltd., close from this date to  
22nd Feb. inclusive.  
Goods per /axonia undelivered after this  
date at Noon will be subject to rent and  
landing charges.

TUESDAY, February 9—  
10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.  
11 a.m.—Auction of Cookedmeat, Obo-  
late and Condensed Stores, etc., at  
Central Police Station.  
Noon—Meeting of Kowloon Land and  
Building Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, etc., at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's  
Sales Rooms.  
Register of Shares of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation close  
from this date to 20th inst. inclusive.

WEDNESDAY, February 10—  
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on this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, February 11—  
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FRIDAY, February 12—  
9.15 p.m.—Choir Concert at City Hall.  
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this date subject to rent.

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SATURDAY, February 13—  
8 p.m.—Devonian Dinner at Hongkong  
Hotel.

FRIDAY, February 19—  
9 p.m.—Performance by Hongkong  
Amateur Dramatic Club in City Hall.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1909

RECENT NAVAL DEVELOPMENTS.

The extension of the effective range of  
the Whitehead torpedo to 7,000 yards at  
a speed of 31 knots, opens up a rather  
alarming vista. If this improved  
torpedo is brought into general use—  
and we see little reason in the present  
condition of national "nerves" to doubt  
that every nation will strive its utmost  
to secure an adequate supply of the  
now engine of destruction—it will have  
the effect of rendering obsolete most of  
lighter quick-firing guns at present in  
use: to wit the 6-pounder, the 3-pounder  
and even the lighter of the 12-pounder  
class. For, as a naval correspondent  
points out, "it would be obviously  
foolish to oppose a gun whose effective  
range does not exceed 5,000 yards to a  
torpedo boat carrying a weapon with  
which the can make sure of hitting  
the mark at 7,000 yards. The mere  
fact in naval affairs is that if a  
torpedo boat destroyer can deal a satis-  
factory death blow while she is yet 7,000

yards distant, the battleship will need  
to bring the destroyer under the fire of  
her guns when she enters a zone eleven  
or twelve thousand yards distant, so as  
to be able to stop her before the danger  
zone of 7,000 yards is reached."

The prospect here displayed before  
the eyes of the already much harassed  
taxpayer is anything but cheerful. To  
provide new guns to meet the emer-  
gency created by the new torpedo  
will cost a tremendous amount of  
money, and where is the money to  
come from? Even supposing that  
we are able to provide the new  
armament, the demands upon the  
national exchequer necessitated by the  
possibilities opened up by the new inven-  
tion will not cease, as the *United Service  
Gazette* pointed out in a recent issue.  
The increase in the effective range of  
the torpedo has rendered our present  
system of searchlights and associated  
naval tactics also out of date.

The point is well brought out by our  
contemporary in the following para-  
graphs: "It was only to be expected that  
so keen a race as the Germans should  
quickly detect the new position created  
by the brains of one or two officers of  
the British Navy—the number of  
officers concerned is disputed, but there  
is no dispute, fortunately, as to their  
nationality. The Germans instantly  
saw that their own best battleships  
would be almost defenceless with their  
present equipment of electric search-  
lights against our improved White-  
heads, and so our Teutonic friends set  
to work to evolve other means of  
detecting any torpedo craft that we may  
send against their ships if the two  
nations are ever engaged in war.  
Experiments to this end are now being  
carried out with acetylene shells, which  
so far have proved much more effective  
at long distances than searchlights, in  
lighting up large areas of the water.  
These shells are said to contain calcium  
carbide, and are so made that the water  
can reach it through a tube. The  
shells can be thrown upwards of 10,000  
yards, by a gun constructed specially  
for the purpose, and it is hoped to  
increase this distance by suggested  
modifications of the weapon.

"On being fired the shell eventually  
plunges into the water, and, the water  
entering the tube, its action upon the  
calcium carbide produces the acetylene  
light. Each shell is said to have 3,000  
candle-power, and it will burn for no  
less than three hours. One of the  
chief advantages of lighting up an  
enemy's position in this way, over that  
of using a searchlight, is that a  
searchlight indicates the position of the  
ship, and gives a definite target for  
return fire by the enemy. With  
acetylene shells fired from a gun, the  
ship will relapse into darkness and her  
enemy be lit up by a few well-placed  
lights from the acetylene gun. The  
possibilities of the use of such a means of  
lighting up the horizon around a fleet,  
and for the detection of the presence of  
torpedo boats, are very large and cannot  
be taken in at a single mental glance.  
As a matter of fact a battleship would  
be able to imitate the particular fish  
which emits a fluid which beclouds the  
water and conceals his own movements;  
for the ship could light up the horizon  
with powerful flares to blind and expose  
its opponents, and then move about in  
the dark inner circles to the points at  
which it could best deal with them  
with its ordinary armaments. That is  
what our friends the Germans are doing,  
and we must follow suit if we would  
be ready for them by the time they are  
ready for us with their new 21in.  
Whitehead torpedo, with an effective  
range of 7,000 yards or upwards. We  
have the lead, and every effort must be  
made to keep it."

As we said above, the prospects  
confronting the British taxpayer is  
anything but cheerful. His burdens  
steadily increase with each develop-  
ment of naval science, and he  
may well pray that a half to be called  
in the march of inventive ingenuity, at  
least, all such things be an effort to  
keep the bill more easily than at  
present.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

Plague is considerably on the increase  
in Mandalay.

The French Mail of the 5th January  
was delivered in London on the 4th inst.

Judging by the practices the Cathedral  
choir concert, to be given in the City Hall  
on February 12th, promises to be a great  
success. Booking of seats, we are glad to  
hear, is brisk.

Preliminary arrangements are being  
made for the annual concert in aid of the  
Y.M.C.A. Library. Mr. J. W. White has  
this matter in hand and their assurance of  
an excellent programme.

The Rev. E. J. Barnett will officiate at  
Holy Communion at St. Andrew's Church,  
Kowloon, on Sunday morning, as well as  
at the 11 o'clock service. At 6 p.m. the  
Rev. A. B. Thornhill will officiate.

In connection with the Y. M. C. A.  
Literary and Debating Society, Mr. J. C.  
Loughlin will deliver a lecture, illustrated  
with lantern slides, at the Y. M. C. A.  
Rooms, Alexandra Buildings, on Saturday  
at 9 p.m. The subject will be: "A Trip  
from Hongkong, via Shanghai, Hankow,  
Peking, Port Arthur and Korea." All are  
cordially invited to be present.

## LADY LUGARD.

To-day the Bulletin from Government  
House reads:—Her Excellency Lady  
Lugard's condition shows satisfactory  
progress.

(Sd) G. P. JORDAN.

5th February.

## LILLIARD'S TROUBADOURS.

Lilliard's Troubadours have had a most  
successful season in Manila but will not be  
back in Hongkong on the 15th inst as was  
expected. The general opinion at Manila is  
that these talented juveniles have acquit-  
ted themselves most creditably. The Hong-  
kong public will look forward to their  
return with interest.

## A GENTLE REMINDER.

The Y.M.C.A. Bulletin states:—One of  
the volumes of Thackeray was taken from  
the shelf in the reading room some time  
ago and has not been returned. We hope  
the gentleman who has it will return it at  
once, as without this book a handsome set  
of Thackeray, which was received as a gift,  
will be incomplete.

## A SETTLED CASE.

Before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the  
Supreme Court, this morning, the case was  
mentioned in which Mr. Otto Kong Sing,  
who represented the plaintiff, said a  
case was settled, which Mr. O. D. Thomson,  
for the defendant denied.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing said he had given  
Mr. Thomson notice some time ago that  
the case was settled.

Mr. Thomson:—On the plaintiff paying  
the costs.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing:—Plaintiff agreed  
to accept \$35.

Mr. Thomson:—My friend gave me notice  
that the case was settled but he did not  
pay the costs.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing:—The case has been  
in the list at the instance of my friend.

Mr. Thomson:—No. The case was in  
the list because my friend's client was at  
Canton. My client has never been out of  
the Colony. I saw him yesterday. Will  
you take the case on Monday, my lord.

His Lordship:—Defendant is in the  
colony!

Mr. Thomson:—Oh yes, there is no fear  
of my client being away. It is my friend's  
client who has been to Canton. (Laughter).  
The case was fixed for Monday.

## VOLUNTEER NOTES.

PARADES.  
Artillery Units. At Headquarters at  
5.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th, Tuesday, 9th,  
Wednesday, 10th, and Thursday, 11th  
instant, for 15 p.m. Q. F. Gun drill.

Talkies Detachment. At Quarry Bay at  
9 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th and at 5.30  
p.m. on Thursday, 11th instant, for gun  
drill.

Engineer Company. At West Fort,  
Kowloon at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th  
instant, for Technical Instructions.

Infantry Company. At Headquarters at  
5.30 p.m. on Monday, 8th instant for  
Maxim gun drill.

GRANDS CUP COMPETITION.  
Fall in at Blake Pier at 1.45 p.m. on  
Saturday, 13th instant. Dress:—Khaki  
and puttees, service dress cap. Officers:—  
Sam Brown, belt with sword.

OUTBOAT PARADE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.  
Fall in at Headquarters at 10.15 a.m.  
on Sunday, 14th instant. Dress:—Serge  
uniform; helmet with badge, belt and side  
arms. Black boots to be worn. Officers  
commanding units to send in by 11th  
instant probable numbers for Church  
parade.

HATTON CUP COMPETITION.  
The competition for the above cup will  
be shot for on any date before 31st March.  
A team of six officers and 30 men is required  
to represent the Corps. All members  
desirous of taking part should send in  
their names to Lieut. Kennel, Volunteer  
Headquarters, before February 18th. The  
conditions of the competition can be seen  
at Headquarters.

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Dart of C.A. Live City because it is  
delicious and a good for people's health  
and makes one blood and healthy in  
the system.

## 'A BIG FAILURE.'

SHANGHAI INVOLVED.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 4.

The Hobday Wire Company, China  
shippers, of Manchester, have failed.

At a meeting of creditors it was  
stated that the liabilities were two  
hundred and forty-six thousand pounds  
but no decision was arrived at pending  
details of the estate at Shanghai.

## CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN.

EXPECTED FAILURE OF ANTI-  
ASIATIC MEASURES.

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LONDON, February 5.

The State Legislature of California  
has now rejected the bill forbidding  
aliens to own land the State. This  
forebodes the defeat of all measures  
embarrassing to the Federal Govern-  
ment.

DISSENSIONS IN BRITISH  
CABINET.

NAVY THE BONE OF  
CONTENTION.

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LONDON, February 5.

The Daily Chronicle, while deprecating  
that three of the Cabinet Ministers are  
resigning their portfolios, admits that  
there is a sharp difference of opinion  
concerning the Navy estimates. Mr.  
Lloyd-George, Mr. Winston Churchill,  
Lord Morley and Mr. John Burns are  
opposing the Admiralty programme.

## NAVAL CONFERENCE.

RESULTS SURPASS  
EXPECTATIONS.

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LONDON, February 5.

Reuters learns that the results of the  
Naval Conference greatly surpass  
expectations. The questions regulated  
include blockade, continuous voyage,  
the destruction of prizes, the capture of  
neutrals supposed to be on service, and  
the transfer of vessels from one flag to  
another.

It is hoped that an agreement  
regarding the question of contraband  
will be reached in a few days.

## ITEMS AT THE COURT.

Capt. Guebrand Solberg, master of the  
Norwegian steamer Haldi, was fined  
\$10, at the Marine Court, this morning, for  
unlawfully moving his ship from her berth,  
at West Point, without permission of the  
Harbour Master, on or about 21st January.

He allowed his ship to be docked at  
Cosmopolitan Dock on 26th January, with-  
out first notifying the Harbour Office.

Four masters of fishing boats were fined  
\$1.50 each to-day, at the Marine Court, for  
unlawfully lying within 100 yards of low  
water mark during prohibited hours of  
Yau-mai Police Station.

A master of a fishing boat and a master  
of a trading junk were both fined \$20, at  
the Marine Court, this morning, for fail-  
ing to carry the regulation lights whilst un-  
der way in the Harbour between sunset and  
sunrise on the 5th inst.

"There are some verses I wrote,  
said the innocent young man, laying the  
paper on the editor's desk: you may give  
me just what you think they are worth."  
"Ah," replied the man with the pen, "I  
have not the authority to give you what  
you deserve. Remember, I am an editor,  
not a Magistrate."

EVERY BOTTLE GUARANTEED.  
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Hongkong, February 16, 1909.

THE DEMANDS OF THE  
ADMIRALTY.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 5.

The Daily Chronicle says that  
the Admiralty's demands on ac-  
count of the new Dreadnoughts  
entail an increase of three millions  
sterling in 1910 and six millions in 1911.

IMPORTANT INVEN-  
TION.

LIKELY TO REVOLUTIONISE  
STEEL INDUSTRY.

LONDON, February 5.

A Sheffield firm has produced a steel  
quadrupling the efficiency of the ex-  
isting high speed steel. It is expected  
that the new invention will revolutionise  
the industry.

RUSSIAN POLICE  
SCANDAL.

AZEFF SAID TO BE IN JAPAN.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 4.

It is rumoured that the police spy  
Azeff sailed from Vladivostok for Japan  
a few days ago.

TO FEDERATE SOUTH  
AFRICA.

UNION EXPECTED BY 1910.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters,  
via Bombay.)

LONDON, February 4.

The Union Convention now sitting at  
Cape Town (the first meeting of which  
was held at Durban, where it was  
welcomed by Sir Matthew Nathan), has  
unanimously agreed that Cape Town  
shall be the seat of the Legislature and  
Pretoria the administrative capital.

It is hoped that the union will be  
accomplished by 1910.

## TROUBLE IN NIGERIA.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
ATTACKED.

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LONDON, February 4.

Upwards of a thousand natives, arm-  
ed with guns, attacked the Anglo-  
German Boundary Commissioners' stores  
at Sokwala, Nigeria.

The Anglo-German force routed the  
enemy on December 24th, and on the  
26th there was heavy fighting in which  
24 members of the Anglo-German force  
were killed and wounded.

The German Commissioner was  
dangerously wounded.

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said the innocent young man, laying the  
paper on the editor's desk: you may give  
me just what you think they are worth."  
"Ah," replied the man with the pen, "I  
have not the authority to give you what  
you



## THE YAU MATI TRAGEDY.

The seven natives who were arrested in connection with the recent shooting tragedy at Yau mati, were brought before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's, this afternoon, charged with breaking and entering a house at Yau mati and using personal violence to the inmates.

The charge of murder was withdrawn. Mr. King conducted the prosecution and Mr. E. J. Crist appeared to defend the seventh prisoner against whom, with the second and third prisoners, the charge of armed robbery was withdrawn.

The master of an iron foundry at 43 Kennedy Street, Yau mati, gave evidence to the effect that on January 21 he went to his shop from Hongkong, arriving after 9 p.m. Having talked with his kiosk and accountant for some time five persons entered his shop. They were each armed with revolvers which they pointed at the inmates and drove them to one side. One of them asked for the keys of the safe which he obtained after searching for a time. He then opened the safe and took the money therein away. Witness and his kiosk were tied together by their queues, and they also saw the robbers take the money away. Then the robbers ran out of the shop and witness having freed himself gave chase shouting, "Thieves." After turning a corner near Ly, witness heard a police whistle sounded and the first defendant was captured by a person whom he supposed to be a Chinese detective. Witness only occupied the ground floor of the premises. They were the only occupants of the ground floor on that occasion and there was only the accountant's room. They were sitting on either side of the accountant's room in which was the safe. There were two lamps on in the main part of the shop and the other in the room. The shop that night was only closed and the door was not locked. The robbers told them to keep quiet or they would be shot dead. Witness could only identify the first prisoner, as they turned his face to the wall. There was about \$4,300 in the safe at the time, of which more than 3,000 was in notes, the remainder being in cash. He had received over \$300 from Messrs. Sheehan, Tones and Co., and sums from other firms and that was the reason he had such a large sum in his possession. The several drawers in the shop were opened and the contents examined. In all the robbers were in the shop about twenty minutes. Further evidence was taken and the case was adjourned.

## CHINA'S HOLY LAND.

Dr. C. K. Edmunds, of Canton College, gave a most interesting lecture at the Union Church Hall, before a large attendance on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Union Church Literary Club. The subject of the lecture was "China's Holy Land" and was profusely illustrated with lantern views.

Commencing his journey by rail from Tsingtau, Dr. Edmunds detailed his tour to the end of the line of Chifu. From there he travelled south by bullock wagon for a couple of days until he reached Taitou. At this point he ascended the holy mountain of Taishan, the highest of the five sacred mountains in China. Large pilgrimages are every spring made to Taishan; sometimes as many as 10,000 people will ascend the steep slopes of the mountain in a single day. After spending two days there, Dr. Edmunds travelled some six days further by cart to Kufu, which is the birth and burial place of Confucius. He then described the very fine Confucian temple at Kufu, the prototype of Confucian temples everywhere throughout the vast Empire. "When one has seen one temple in China," said the lecturer, "he has seen all the temples, but when one has seen all the temples in China there is still the temple of Kufu to be admired." This exceedingly fine, he continued, one of its most striking features being the granite columns supporting the roof of the main building. These are eight feet in circumference and five feet high, and each one is most skillfully carved; four inches deep, with a large twisting dragon. The temple of Confucius is located in a park about a mile square north of the city of Kufu and is reached by a very fine avenue lined on either side by cypress trees. The cemetery is an outer and an inner one, the outer containing the bodies of the multitude of more recent descendants of the great prophet and the latter those of the Sage himself and, these more immediately near to him. The tomb is a very simple affair but, as distinguished from the vast majority of tombs in China, it bears an appearance of respectability and is well kept. The park is full of fine old trees and, for China, is also well looked after. The marks are rather those of age than of neglect. There are some two hundred attendants, as well as carpenters and masons are constantly employed in keeping the buildings in repair. It is said that some tens of thousands of dollars are annually sent from Peking to be spent on the upkeep of the place. From Kufu Dr. Edmunds journeyed by cart to Chingchow, a very thriving mart of the Grand Canal. A trip by houseboat, lasting for ten days, then took him some three hundred miles through the Canal and its locks to Chingling, the centre of the great families of a couple of years ago, from whence he took steam launch to Chingling and back to civilization.

## AN OLD-TIME COMPANY.

A hundred years ago—or to be exact, on the 11th November 1809—the "North British" commenced business, and later became associated with the "Mercantile Fire Office." In the time that has elapsed, the Company has maintained its position among the pioneers in Insurance affairs, and built up a position and reputation throughout the world in no respect overshadowed by any competitor. Having stood the test of a century, it is not only a place of direct attention to the development in the Company's business which has been accomplished, and the security afforded to those seeking protection, as indicated in the following figures:—The Subscribed Capital of the Company is £3,375,000; the Accumulated Funds exceed £18,500,000; the Annual Income exceeds £4,000,000; the Total Claims paid by the Company exceed £68,000,000. Messrs. Sheehan, Tones and Co. are the local agents.

## DISTURBING THE PEACE.

Over one hundred natives, male and female, were fined from \$2 to \$5 at the Magistrate, to-day, for igniting fireworks. Mr. J. H. Kemp imposed the fine and immediately vacated the Bench so that the court officials could collect the fines with the least possible trouble.

## COMPANY REPORT.

## The Kowloon Land and Building Co.

The twentieth report of the board of directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the company's office, Victoria Buildings, at noon on Tuesday, February 9, states:—The directors now submit to you a statement of the affairs of the company, and balance sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1908. The balance of profit and loss account for the year including \$353.06 balance brought forward from last account, after writing off all charges and expenses, amount to \$9,323.50. The directors therefore recommend that a dividend of \$1.50 per share, be paid which after writing off of the directors' and auditors' fees, will leave a balance of \$278.90 to be carried forward to the credit of a new profit and loss account. Mr. H. Pinckney having retired, Mr. Murray Stewart was appointed in his stead. Mr. Murray Stewart having resigned, Mr. J. M. E. Machado was appointed in his stead. Messrs. A. Rodger and Mr. J. M. E. Machado retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election. The accounts have been audited by Mr. J. Corbridge who now retires, but offers himself for re-election.

## SERVICE NOTES.

The King has ordered that "the cypher of Her Royal Highness Alexandra, Princess of Wales, in gold (thereon 'Alexandra'), interlaced with the Daphne brog, inscribed with the date 1875, and the whole surrounded by the Coronet of the Princesses," shall be adopted as the future regimental badge of the Yorkshire Regiment, in place of the white rose. Before the introduction of the Territorial system in 1881, the regiment was without a badge. It was then given a rose, in common with many other English regiments. This was altered shortly afterwards to a white rose in order to show the connection between the regiment and the county of Yorkshire.

An interesting return has been prepared by the War Office, as to the military expenditure of Great Britain, Germany, and France during the last ten years. During the greater part of that period British expenditure was swollen to the extent of nearly two hundred million pounds by the Boer and other wars, but the peace expenditure has varied from 21 to 34 millions. In 1907-8 the military expenditure of the country was 24 millions; it fell a million in 1908-9, and is estimated to be 22 millions in 1909-0. The German military expenditure has advanced from 36 millions to 51 millions in the decade. This year's Estimates top the list, and the cost of the up-keep of the German land force is now nearly twice as much as that for our own army. "This red line," the expenditure on the French Armies remains almost stationary or fluctuates by a million pounds or so, and in ten years the increase has been 44 millions, the total army expenditure this year being 21 millions and the Colonial military expenditure three millions. The figures for Great Britain and Germany include the cost of the Imperial forces in their Colonies.

A vigorous search is going forward in the English Channel to recover a lost torpedo of great power. The pattern is one of the very latest, practically a secret, and is a 21-in. type with the enormous range of 7,000 yards. As the torpedo is of a new design the efforts of the naval authorities are directed with the utmost vigour towards its recovery. Divers have gone down off Portland, where the torpedo was lost, and one torpedo was brought to the surface, but proved to be an old pattern which went astray some months ago. The lost torpedo is the much talked of invention of Engineer-Lieut. S. A. Ardache, and belongs to the 'Veron School.' Many experiments have been made with it, and all the experts are of opinion that it is a formidable destroyer. It travels 2,000 yards faster than any other pattern and has an average speed of thirty-one knots, which is sufficient to speedily outdistance gunnery calculations. Such torpedo work at long range would revolutionize naval warfare, and the Admiralty are certain that the Hardeste invention will succeed.

Captain R. F. Boyle, R.M.L.I., has been appointed as Intelligence Officer at Singapore, vice Captain H. A. H. Jones, R.M.L.I.

The following appointment has been approved by the Admiralty:—Mr. H. J. Quick, Inspector of electric lights, Hongkong, to a similar position at Chatham Dockyard.

Major-General Sir A. R. F. Dordard, K.C.B., D.S.O., R.E., who comes home from South Africa on relief by Major-General C. A. Redford, has another eighteen months to run before being affected by the age rules. He entered the service about 41 years ago, and, in addition to a serving on the staff in Wei-hai-wei, North China, Straits Settlements, and South Africa, he has seen the Afghan, Boer, and China campaigns in his credit.

The Admiralty announce the following appointments:—Lieutenants—D. Maxwell, to the Albatross; R. D. B. Haddon, to the King Alfred; H. R. James, to the Clio; A. E. P. Lyons, to the Hawk; additional, for voyage out, and to the King Alfred; and, on recommendation, B. J. D. Gay, V.O., to the Tamar, for the steady in command; C. A. Frimantle, to the Tamar, for the same; and, on recommendation, J. Kiddle, to the Tamar, for the same; and, on recommendation, H. S. Morris, to the Hawk, and to the Tamar, additional, for the same; and, on recommendation, Commander E. Stevenson, is reappointed, on recommendation, to the Tamar, additional, for the same, in command, temporary.

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OLD AGE PENSIONERS.

EDINBURGH, JANUARY 8.

Some considerable time must elapse before the social aspect of the Old Age Pensions Act can be fully ascertained. Approximate figures are available as to the numbers relieved, but these touch only the fringe of the question, and do little to enable us to appreciate the far-reaching effects. On one point only the statistics throw a light on the conditions and character of the peoples of the three kingdoms. Roughly speaking, the "recommended pensioners" are—for England, 209,000; Scotland, 56,000; and Ireland, 127,000. It will be matter for inquiry in the immediate future how far this enormous preponderance of the Irish claims over the Scottish (and it must not be forgotten that the population of Scotland to-day slightly exceeds that of Ireland) is due to real poverty, to the excess of old folk left by the ebb-tide of emigration, or to an ingrained belief among the Irish peasantry instilled by Irish politicians, that the Partner is fair game for any form of financial exaction. But the remarkably moderate appeal of the Scots is noteworthy, and wholly creditable to them and their independence.

The widest discrepancies are revealed between the condition of the crofting districts of the Highlands and Islands and the richer industrial counties of the Lowlands. In Shetland, applications from old folk who have lived independently all their lives and managed to keep off the parish, represent nearly 10 per cent. of the population; while in Ayr and Dundee the rate is between 1 and 2 per cent. "The experimental stage of the Act is passed these figures should furnish a valuable index to the comparative health and wealth of the people.

One argument used against the scheme was that it tapped self-respect; and the usual reply was that the pension would not demoralize, because it was not a charity but a matter of right. The conduct of the pensioners is the best commentary upon these counter arguments. In Aberdeen, the feature of the first day's work was the indisposition of many of the recipients to apply for payment at the sub-post offices nearest to their own homes, preferring to go greater distances, where their identity was unknown to the officials paying the money. And from Nairn we have this little conversation between two lady pensioners. One said to the other, "What road did you take to the Post Office?" "Oh, I took the back way by the river." "My," said the inquirer, "I wish I had gone that way, for when I went up the street, everybody was looking at me and saying, 'Oh, she's off for her pension.'"

Similar stories come from all parts, and each reader can put his own interpretation on them. It is also a curious fact that many pensioners remain unclaimed; sometimes because the pensioner has no immediate need for the money, and sometimes because he does not wish his application to be known to his neighbors. The most satisfactory point is that the pensioners are mostly decently clad and have a look of honest respectability. The common remark about it is that they are the "survival of the fittest." But in the small towns and country districts, where everybody knows everybody else's affairs, there are strong complaints that people receive pensions whose relatives are in good circumstances.

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The preponderance of women pensioners over men has been marked, notwithstanding the jibes directed against the ladies that they have frequently undervalued their ages at marriage, thereby causing them to be withheld for several years. The Pension Office at Corkenzie, in putting inquiries as to a case, asked the old lady, "Where are your marriage lines?" She replied the answer, "Oh, there was no marriage lines in our day; we just 'ordered,' and went up to the minister at 'ment.'"

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## HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

As was anticipated the sensational feat of looping the loop by Mr. W. Schultz at Harmston's Circus drew a crowded house to this celebrated circus on Thursday evening. The daring feat was most successfully accomplished and the performance was watched with the keenest interest. All the other turns continue to enthrall the immense audiences which nightly throng this spectacular tent. There will be a matinee on Saturday afternoon and the circus will remain open for seven nights more. The family of Admiral L. of Canton, witnessed the performance on Thursday evening, journeying to Causeway Bay by a special car.

## SPORTING.

## Cricket.

CIVIL SERVICE V. PARSONS' TEAM. The following will represent the Civil Service on the Civil Service ground at 9 p.m., on Saturday—R. O. Hutchinson, captain; F. E. Beach, L. E. Brett, H. Ellis, J. M. Ewen, F. Sutton, A. M. Thornhill, A. R. F. Raven, R. R. Read, A. R. Sutherland, R. G. Withall. Reserves—A. J. Pile and J. Mackay.

CHINESE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION "B" TEAM V. PARSONS. This match will be played on the Parson ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m., Happy Valley. The following will play for the Association:—C. Ho Kai, Capt., Hung Yu Chi, Ho Wing Hung, Jew Man Chun, Hung Yu Kay, Ho Wing Kin, Yau Kam Kait, Lai Kam, Loung Kam Shue, Ho Ngai Chark and Moy Hing Kue.

## League Cricket.

CHANGHONGH V. R.G.A. This match will take place on Saturday at 2.15 p.m., on the former Club's ground. Changhongh team—L. E. Lammert, Capt., G. A. Hancock, A. O. Brown, R. Bass, W. H. Vives, H. L. Manderson, A. Osman, J. D. Norris, R. Pestonji, L. A. Rose and S. H. Balivara.

HONGKONG "A" TEAM V. THE POLICE. The following have been selected to represent the "A" team in the above match to-morrow afternoon, commencing at 2.15 p.m., on the Club's ground:—W. C. D. Turner, H. R. Makin, A. E. Lanning, L. H. B. Mullin, R. N. A. E. Fowler, E. C. Oliver, R. N. A. P. Dashwood, J. H. Chalmers, E. Irving, J. Hall, E. C. Hagen.

## League Table.

The following is the table up to date:—

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Per cent.
Hongkong "B"	8	0	0	8	100.00	
Civil Service	11	9	1	1	80.00	
Hongkong "A"	8	4	1	3	60.00	
Telegraphs	11	7	2	2	55.55	
Changhongh	11	4	4	1	14.55	
R.G.A.	9	2	6	1	22.22	
Kowloon	11	2	9	0	18.18	
H.K. Police	9	1	7	1	11.11	
Royal Engineers	9	1	7	1	11.11	

## League Football.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY. Naval Yard v. R.A.M.C., on Military ground, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Cpl. Edwards. Buils v. Y.M.C.A., Military ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Gunner Marsh. R.G.A. v. R.O.C., Causeway Bay, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Bunyard.

On Saturday at 4 p.m., on the Military ground, Happy Valley, a League match will be played by the Y.M.C.A. with the Buils. The following have been selected to play for the Y.M.C.A.—Goal, Atkins; backs, Van Ginkel, McCubbin; half-backs, Hunter, Wharton, Storrie; forwards, Wessner, Wilson, Kelly, Hayne, Bevan.

BOYS OWN CLUB V. R.G.A. The following will represent the B.O.C. at Causeway Bay on Saturday, at 4 p.m. Khan, Abbas, Abbas, Chaw, Wang, Conditio, Parson, Chungat, White, Masket.

SHIELD COMPETITION. The following matches will take place in the second round of the Shield competition:—King Alfred v. Hongkong Club, club ground, Saturday, 1.15 inst., kick-off at 4 p.m. Corpl. Edwards referee. Naval Yard United v. H.M.S. Bedford, Naval ground, Saturday, 1.15 inst., 2.30 p.m. Lieut. Mullin referee.

H.M.S. Kent v. Y.M.C.A. Monday, 1.15 inst. Mr. Marsh, referee.

## Billiards.

Only two games remain to be played in the Y.M.C.A. handicap. Capt. Baker will play Mr. A. Hamilton in the semi-finals, and the winner will meet Mr. T. G. Turnbull in the final.

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The French Chamber of Deputies, we learnt through Reuter the other day, has sanctioned the raising of a loan of £2,120,000 (or 53,000,000 francs) in order to meet the expenditure which has been charged to the budget of Indo-China in connection with the construction of the Yunnan railway. The loan is to be guaranteed by the French Government. The report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, M. Deloncle, Deputy for Ouchin China, in recommending the proposal to the House of Deputies, reviewed the financial and other vicissitudes of the enterprise since the concession for building the railway was granted by China ten years ago, and stated that in consequence of various alterations in the plans the initial cost of the work will amount to £6,820,000, as compared with the original estimate of £2,340,000. Of this increase in the estimated cost, a sum of £2,060,000 is to be borne by the colony and the remainder by the company to which the concession has been assigned. The hope was expressed that the work of construction will be superintended with greater care in the future than has been the case in the past, in order that the recurrence of costly errors may be avoided.

For the rest it is stated that to far the most difficult section of the line, the track from Lachak to Meng-tsen in the valley of the Nam-ti, has practically been completed. The constructors have to reach Meng-tsen by next April or May, and with the opening of this section it will become possible to transport traffic over a considerable portion of the line. It is calculated that the line will have been laid as far as Yun-nan-sen by 1910. In view of the results already achieved so far, the work of construction which is already open to traffic, the report expressed the confident expectation that notwithstanding the intricate cost of construction, the Yunnan Railway will yield good returns and will materially aid to the economic development of French Indo-China.

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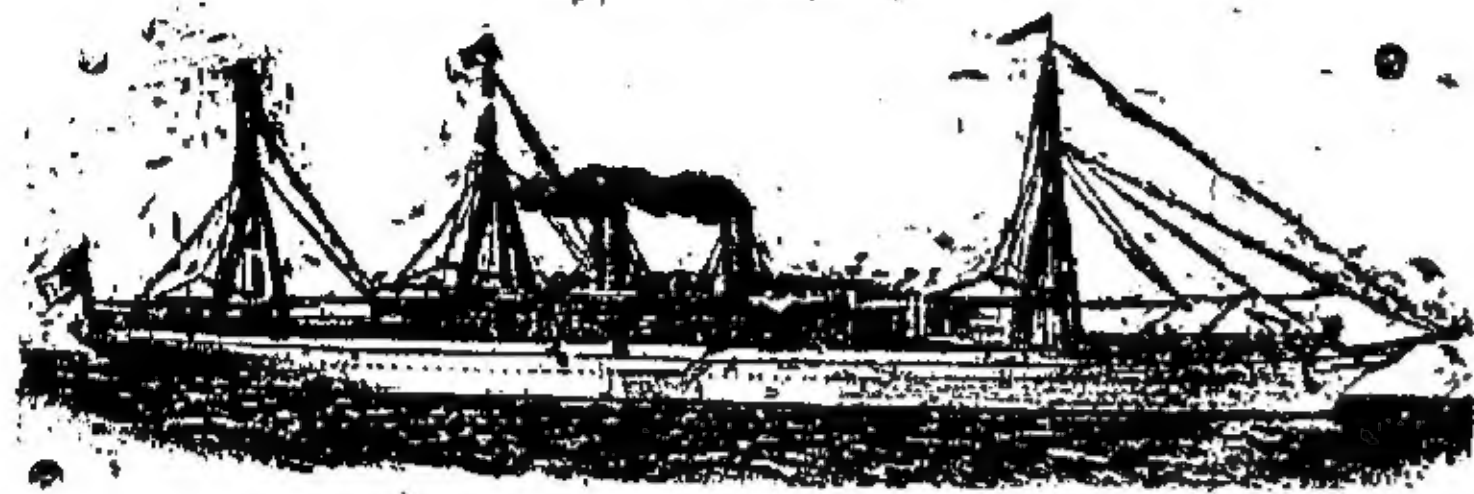
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FOR	STEAMSHIP	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI & DEEPFOO	Feb. 7, Daylight.
TSINGTAI, WEIHAIWEI & DEEPFOO	HANYANG	Feb. 8, at 4 p.m.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	SHAN	Feb. 8, at 10 a.m.
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JOSEPH MARU, Capt. H. MURAYAMA	TAMUI, Via SWATOW AND AMOY	SUNDAY, 14th Feb., at 9 a.m.
OSHOHON MARU, Capt. T. SUZUKI	SHANGHAI, Via SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW	THURSDAY, 11th Feb., at 8 a.m.
SHOSHU MARU, Capt. IZUKA	ANPING, Via SWATOW, AMOY AND TARAO	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb., at 8 a.m.

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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA		
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KUDAT AND SANDAKAN	BORNEO, Capt. F. HANSEN	
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## THE EMANUEL MEDICAL MISSION.

The Bulletin of the Emanuel Medical Mission, which is conducted by Dr and Mrs Clift at Nanning on the West River, is to hand. It is a record of courageous work in the service of Christ at one of the most out-of-the-way places in China. Mrs Clift, thus describes Nanning:—

"The City of Southern Tranquility," of Nanning, lies more than five hundred miles from the coast on the West River, near the junction of two navigable streams, one coming from the French territory of Tonkin and the other from the province of Yunnan.

Sixty per cent. of the commerce of the whole province passes through Nanning. It has now been opened as a "treaty port," and an ambitious foreign settlement marked out by the river side with macadamized roads and a great stone bund, &c.

The population of the city is a motley crowd of about 100,000 of many races and tongues. Passing along any of the narrow streets you might see typical Cantonese and Human faces along with others of a more western type, besides natives of the province and Aborigines. Our particular street still speaks the northern dialect that their ancestors from Shan ung brought with them nine hundred years ago.

Traces of old Nanning city still remain, and one may yet just as it stood before the time of William the Conqueror. The old site was abandoned then because of floods, and the new city built on the graveyard of the old. Even now there are tombs everywhere—everywhere, across upon acres—the signs of the dead are almost faster than the dwellings of the living; the dead of centuries after centuries have passed their narrow, squalid, aimless lives to enter an eternity with no knowledge of the Christ dead and risen for them!

A notoriously unforgiving town even less than a decade ago, Nanning is now most friendly to us—a friendly perhaps more apparent than real, hiding depths of ignorance, suspicion, and superstition. The Chinese say it is the most immoral port in China, and the people of our street are considered the most degraded of all.

Dr Clift has some remarks to make regarding the reputation which Nanning has earned for harbouring disorderly characters. He says:—

Nanning is a "storm centre" in this corner of the world, round which rebellions and outrages seem to constantly revolve. Some one with a passion for statistics has sought to estimate the number of decapitations in Kwangsi alone during the past few years, and has put his modest estimate at 100,000. Local officials, for instance, get orders from headquarters to "stamp out" a rebellion (rebellions are more or less chronic), and this is a way they have of doing it—"supposed villages" are suddenly surrounded by soldiers, and every inhabitant, young and old, slaughtered. Thirty-three were executed here on one occasion the other day as "rebels." Public opinion, which is the strictest gossip, says they were not "rebels." One was the father-in-law of a "rebel," and therefore presumably guilty, especially as his son-in-law could not be found; twenty-four of the others were members of a bad gang, thieves and gamblers. These were captured in a village by a zealous military official longing for promotion, and compelled by horrible torture to confess to revolutionary tendencies. After execution, the Governor, who had consented to the sentence, became nervous of reprisals from indignant relatives in the country, and the city was therefore carefully guarded and the gates closed early every evening.

There are genuine rebels enough in China, however, and in this province especially, and in neighbouring Yunnan, who are giving the Peking Government much anxiety. They are well-armed and disciplined, and have an ample supply of money from compatriots in America and the States. They are careful not to molest the people, and profess to have no quarrel with foreigners, for they have a healthy fear of international complications. The tide of resentment is certainly rising here against the alien Manchou Government. The Emanuel Mission, we gather from the Bulletin, is entirely self-supporting. Dr Clift being unconnected with any Society: he is greatly cramped for want of funds but we feel sure that were the "Exclusion" to be freely circulated he would soon find many sympathizers only too ready to afford him practical aid. He and his devoted wife have made an excellent start and we wish most heartily that it will soon be possible for them to see a realization of some of their noble hopes and aspirations.

## THE CHARGEURS REUNIS.

The Société Anonyme des Chargeurs Reunis has had a very unsatisfactory year, according to the report for 1907-1908. The profit balance on the year's working only amounts to £85,407, and no dividend is therefore proposed. The gross receipts of the company were £681,779 higher than in the preceding year, but expenses show an increase of £1,045,921. The activity of the company has been greater, 58 voyages having been made to Brazil, La Plata, East Africa, Indo-China, the Far East, &c. (1,483,894 miles), against 97 voyages and 1,480,955 miles in 1906-07. Among the extra charges mentioned are those for the establishment of agencies in the Far East in connection with the tour of the world service. The new Far Eastern line has not responded to expectations. On the one hand the commercial activity between Europe and the Far East has considerably declined, and on the other the obstacles raised by the United States to the importation of Japanese labour have deprived the company of important cargoes. In general the service in the Far East has been successful, and the company has been obliged to modify it. In consequence of the war with Japan, 1,100 departures will only take place every two months, and the "Mails" types have been withdrawn and replaced by smaller units. The financial position of the company remains satisfactory.

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SHANGHAI	O-SANG	MONDAY, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	SUISANG	MONDAY, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	POOKSANG	WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10, at Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	FRIDAY, Feb. 12, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ & MOI	KUTSANG	TUESDAY, March 2, at Noon.

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Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

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## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMSHIP.	SAILING DATE, 1909.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, Via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.	SANUKI MARU, Capt. K. HOSONO, Tons 6112	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb., at Daylight.
	AWA MARU, Capt. A. Kishi, Tons 6369	WEDNESDAY, 5th March, at Daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, Via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBÉ, YOKO KAI CHI AND YOKOHAMA	* ITO MARU, Capt. S. J. G. Parsons, Tons 6290	TUESDAY, 16th Feb., at Noon.
	* KAGA MARU, Capt. G. S. Laprat, Tons 6361	TUESDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.

SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, Via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE AND BRISBANE.	* YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sakine, Tons 3817	FRIDAY, 19th Feb., at Noon.
	* NIKKO MARU, Capt. M. Yagi, Tons 5539	FRIDAY, 19th Feb., at Noon.

KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	* INABA MARU, Capt. Wm. Bainbridge, Tons 6169	SATURDAY, 6th Feb., at Daylight.
BOMBAY, Via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO.	* WAKAMITSU MARU, Capt. T. Yamawaki, Tons 4421	SUNDAY, 7th Feb., at Daylight.

SHANGHAI & KOBÉ	* YEBOSHI MARU, Capt. S. Kon, Tons 3795	MONDAY, 8th Feb., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA	* NIKKO MARU, Capt. R. Swain, Tons 5539	WEDNESDAY, 17th Feb., at Noon.

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